

Open Position for a Home Call Phlebotomist

The Panenka Lab is looking for a trained and experienced phlebotomist to be responsible for conducting occasional at-home blood draws associated with a post-COVID-19 study run by Dr. William Panenka. The phlebotomist will work with study participants who have fully recovered from COVID-19 and are unable or unwilling to attend in-person sessions at UBC. The ideal candidate must be able to work independently, travel, and handle difficult venipuncture, as described further below.

The Panenka Lab is a part of the Department of Psychiatry within the Faculty of Medicine. We are committed to providing employees with professional learning, responsibility that expands with experience, and a welcoming team atmosphere. Please note that this position is not full- or part-time, and will be on an as-needed basis.

To be successful in this role, the applicant must have the following skills, qualities, knowledge, and personal characteristics:

- High personal motivation and self-management
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to take responsibility in making progress without direct supervision
- Effective spoken and written communication skills
- Capacity to handle difficult blood draws, with thin or elderly veins being common
- Exceptional interpersonal/human relations skills
- Ability to handle confidential and sensitive information
- Professional in telephone and e-mail correspondences
- Knowledge of medical terminology
- Reliable transportation will be necessary to travel to participant homes

Preferred additional qualities:

- Experience with home visits for blood draws
- Understanding of neuroanatomy and current COVID-19 literature
- Strong existing computer skills including and general internet and electronic communications
- Interest in professional development toward future higher learning or employment in health research
- Flexibility in schedule (work shifts may include evenings and/or weekends)

Some examples of the phlebotomist's job duties could include and are not limited to the following:

1. Arriving on-time to home-visits and sample hand-off locations,
2. Following relevant health or safety standards to avoid sample contamination and improve sanitation,
3. Verifying identify and information of participants,
4. Calming nervous participants and answering any emerging questions related to the blood draw or study,
5. Drawing blood via needles and properly storing it,
6. Labelling samples correctly and neatly,
7. Travelling with samples from participant houses to UBC's Center for Brain Health,
8. Handling and protecting confidential and sensitive data with integrity.

Contact our Research Coordinator, Alana Guidry, at alana.guidry@ubc.ca if interested. Please mention this posting and attach your CV for review.